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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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Title: INTELLIGENT VIRTUAL VOLUME ACCESS

The prior application is assigned of record to Auspex Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and resubmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on January 24, 2002.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Enclosures:

- Preliminary Amendment (13 pages)
- Form PTO-1449, 1 page, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
- Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/286,248, filed April 5, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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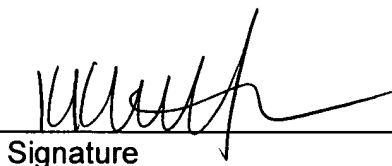
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